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Dr. Jim L. Dalton 11935 Challenge Court Indianapolis, IN 46236

Re: Confidential Information Request for Marion County Juvenile Court Research Project

Dear Dr. Dalton

You have filed a Verified Request for Release of Bulk Data/Compiled Information Containing Information Excluded from Public Access under Indiana Supreme Court Administrative Rule 9(F)(4). Your request seeks access to the Quest History Page for specific juveniles referred for services by the Marion County Juvenile Court in order to follow the juveniles for six and twelve month periods.

The purpose of the request is to test the validity of a "responsibility tool" you have developed to provide a prescriptive formula for the assignment and delivery of services to moderately and high risk delinquent youth. The test will involve comparisons between an existing control group and approximately one hundred other delinquent youth with similar risk levels who are currently in the juvenile system.

Ordinarily, all requests for access to confidential information must be presented to, and approved by, the Indiana Supreme Court. However, under the circumstances of your research project, it has become apparent through our discussions that you actually do not need direct access to the confidential data concerning any child before the Juvenile Court. Instead, you have indicated your ability to perform the needed research if a court staff member, trained by you, selects the juvenile cases for the research and codes the required data with the result that you will not actually see or receive actual confidential data concerning a specific juvenile.

Under this circumstance, it is our opinion that your request for research coded data may be granted without further processing or approval by the Indiana Supreme Court if the Judge of the Marion County Juvenile Court is willing to allow the research to proceed on this basis and

willing for trained court staff to review the cases for the study and code the information for your use.

Once you and Judge Moores have signed your acceptance below, please return a signed copy for our records. Good luck with your research as we are sure it will be of benefit to the Court.

Yours truly

Jéffrey S. Wiese

Director, Trial Court Management Division of State Court Administration

The undersigned accept and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the above letter in conducting the described research for the Marion County Juvenile Court.

Jim L. Dalton, Ph. D.

Marilyn Ann Moores

Judge, Marion County Juvenile Court

ce: Hon. Marilyn A. Moores

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